

Remarks

In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

In the present Response, claims 1-13 and 21-85 have been canceled without prejudice for consideration in a potential divisional application. Claims 86-102 have been added. It is believed that claims 86-102 are supported by the application as originally filed. For example, support can be found in the drawings at FIGS. 1, 2, 5 and 6, and in the specification at page 1, lines 16-20 and pages 10-14 as well as elsewhere throughout the application. After entry of this amendment, claims 14-20 and 86-102 will be currently pending and under consideration.

In the Office Action, the applicants were required to elect one of the following invention groups:

- Invention I: Claims 1-13, drawn to methods of collecting a bodily fluid sample from an incision in the skin
- Invention II: Claims 14-20, drawn to a method of creating an incision and testing body fluid with a sampling device
- Invention III: Claims 21-23, drawn to a sampling module
- Invention IV: Claims 24-42, 45-57, 60-67, 70,71, and 77, drawn to systems for body fluid sampling and tissue/skin penetration
- Invention V: Claims 43, 44, 58, and 59, drawn to methods of sampling of body fluid
- Invention VI: Claims 68 and 69, drawn to methods of installing a visual display
- Invention VII: Claims 72-76, drawn to methods for sampling body fluid using a human interface
- Invention VIII: Claims 78-85, drawn to a device for determining analyte concentration having means for determining whether a sufficient amount of sample is present

In response to the restriction requirement, the Applicant hereby elects, without traversal, the Group II invention (claims 14-20) for prosecution. It is also believed that new claims 86-102 read on Group II. As a result of this election, claims 1-13 and 21-85 have been canceled for consideration in a potential divisional application.

As a housekeeping matter, it should be noted that an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) has been submitted with this response. The Applicants kindly request that the Examiner returns an initialed copy of the IDS form with the next communication from the Patent Office.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance, and the Examiner is requested to pass the case to issue. If the Examiner should have any comments or suggestions to help speed the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned representative by telephone.

Respectfully submitted,

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